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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lieven STUYVER
Joost LOUWAGIE
Rudi ROSSAU

Serial No.: 09/943,983

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTION OF DRUG-
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Confirmation No.: 2800

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: HORLICK, K.R.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11362.0008.DVUS02
(INNS008--3)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 10, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003 for which the three-month date for response was July 10, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.321(c) and 1.20(d) the Commissioner is authorized to deduct a fee in the amount of **\$110.00**, which is the fee required to file the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0008.DVUS02.

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Additionally, a request for a two-month extension of time to respond to the instant office action is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to September 10, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of **\$410.00** to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0008.DVUS, which is the fee for a two-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0008.DVUS02**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.